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favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Government Committee Confirmation Report. (Legislative Journal pages 2276-2277.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The confirmation report is adopted. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Judiciary has a confirmation report regarding the appointment of Scot Ford to the Crime Victims Reparation Committee.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Pedersen, I understand you're authorized to handle this confirmation report.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. On Monday the 17th, the Judiciary Committee met for a very short period of time for the confirmation of Scot Ford who is the police chief in South Sioux City, Nebraska, who is taking the position on the Crime Victims Reparation Committee. He was reported out with a 7-0 voting, one not voting, and we're pleased to confirm him at this time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. For discussion? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, for the reasons I've given in the past, I'm going to vote no for this nomination. However, I did attend the committee hearing. I was not voting in the committee. I had a chance to speak with the nominee and explain to him what it is I do and why, and he was understanding. He was appreciative of the fact that I did not vote no in committee, and I would not have voted no in committee because I have no objection to him nor do I have any problem with his qualifications. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, I am glad I am following Senator Chambers. That way, he won't be